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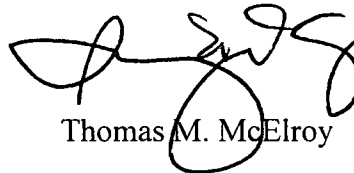
RE: Petition of Counce Natural Gas Company, Rate Increase  
Docket No. 04-00037

Dear Ms. Tate:

Please find enclosed a Motion for Continuance which I request that you file in the above styled cause. Also, enclosed are thirteen (13) copies of the Motion. I have enclosed a self addressed, stamped envelope for your convenience in returning a filed copy of the Motion to my office

If all is not in order, please advise.

Sincerely,



Thomas M. McElroy

**IN THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**  
**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE: THE APPLICATION OF COUNCE  
NATURAL GAS CORPORATION TO  
INCREASE ITS RATES


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**MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE**

This hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, 2004, at 10 O'clock A. M. before the Hearing Officer on the Petition of Counce Natural Gas Corporation for a Rate Increase. Counce Natural Gas Corporation would show that it's Counsel, Thomas M. McElroy, is scheduled to be in Bethesda, Maryland on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004, for medical related reasons. Counsel would respectfully show that this appointment was scheduled prior to entry of the Order rescheduling the date of the hearing and that this request for a continuance is not interposed for purposes of delay.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNCE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION

By:   
THOMAS M. MCELROY  
Attorney for Counce Natural Gas Co.

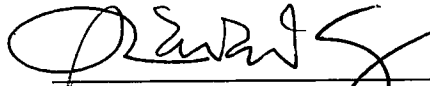
**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was mailed, postage prepaid to:

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